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Michiyo FUJIKAWA et al.

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For:

ABSORBENT COMPOSITE SHEET AND ABSORBENT ARTICLE USING THE SAME

Dear Sir:

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, which was made Final. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.